

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 12, 2009
Main Street, Winterport, Maine

Meeting began at 9:15 a.m.

Members in attendance were Tammy Higgins, Treasurer; Ann Ronco, Secretary; and Joe Brooks, Associate Board Member.

Most of the meeting was spent on revising the by-laws of the Association. Copies will be distributed at the April 8th meeting when members will be asked to look them over for approval. If no member requests an amendment to the by-laws by the May association meeting, then a notice will be sent out that the by-laws will be voted on at the June meeting.

Nomination of officers was discussed. At the May meeting, Association President Deb Newman will be putting together a nominating committee made up of 3 members in good standing. These 3 members would also not be interested in an officer's position. These members will then bring their nominations to the June meeting where they will be voted upon.

It was decided to put out a second press release for the Business After Hours the week of March 16th. Hopefully this will serve as another reminder to everyone. Joe Brooks will also email Ruth Moran so this will be in the Belfast paper too.

Due to time constraints there were several topics that was decided to table for another Executive Committee Meeting to tentatively be held on Wednesday, March 18th at 9:00a.m.

- a. A detailed discussion of the Business After Hours being held March 25th.
 - Who's going to run it
 - Do we have a drawing? If so, what can we give away.
 - What do we expect to happen during this event.
- b. Officer's approval of by-laws.
- c. Business Fair
 - What speakers will we invite.
 - Proposed speakers: Blueberry Radio representative, Small Business Association representative, Health Insurance Salesman, Camden National Bank representative.
 - Who will be inviting the speakers.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

Members in attendance were Deb Newman, President; Tammy Higgins, Treasurer; Ann Ronco, Secretary; and Joe Brooks, Associate Board Member.

First discussion was of the bylaws and if individuals/residents who do not own a business join the Association. It was decided they could attend meetings and join the Association by paying dues of \$15.00 for the year but they could not have a vote in the Association. Tammy Higgins brought up the possibility that there might be a problem with the IRS letting non-business people join and pay dues. This is something she will look into. It was further clarified these individuals could not become a board member since they do not own a business in the area. Also, their dues are not tax deductible wherein dues for a business member are tax deductible.

Joe Brooks informed everyone that another press release for the upcoming Business After Hours at the Winterport Winery would be published. Deb Newman asked if someone would go down to the Winery and see what they are planning to do and let them know what we envisioned to happen that evening. Ann Ronco and Joe Brooks volunteered to go that afternoon.

It was then discussed what we could give away at a drawing that evening. Tammy Higgins said she would ask Winterport Pizza for a gift certificate. Ann Ronco suggested a couple of tickets to the Winterport Music Festival and would ask Phil Pitula if this was possible. Deb Newman asked if Ann and Joe would ask the Winery if they would be willing to give away a bottle of wine or something too.

Deb Newman stated there are several other business owners who are interested in becoming board members.

It was suggested that we disband the idea of the Business Fair in April for the time being. Instead, at the next few meetings several individual speakers will be asked to give a presentation. The first, if available, will be an insurance representative specializing in small businesses. Tammy Higgins knows of a women's group specializing in loans to business woman and asked if that might be a possibility for a speaker at some point.

Next Association meeting will be Wednesday, April 8th due to a conflict the previous Tuesday. It was asked if we should move the May and June meetings as well. However, it was decided that if we keep the meeting to one hour only it should elevate the problem of a conflict.

For the June meeting, which will be our Annual Meeting, the officers will need to prepare a budget that will be voted on by the Members. Members will also be voting on the acceptance of the bylaws, and voting on Board Members. At this meeting Deb Newman will be reporting on her term at office and Tammy Higgins will be reporting on the Statement of Condition and a Statement of Income and Expenses.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.